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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed September 24, 2002 (Paper No.

10), Applicants respectfully request the following amendments to the instant application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the current Abstract, found at Page 20 of the Specification, with the attached Abstract.

Please replace Paragraph 0008, at Page 3 of the Specification, with the following:

8. [0008] The present invention will be further explained in detail hereafter with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which: